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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)
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Examiner
Nguyen, Cindy

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview Jun 10, 2003

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 14

Identification of prior art discussed:

Wical '821

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Referring to Claim 1, Applicant argued that Wical failed to disclose the step of "comparing the search term with a hierarchy of category identifiers to determine whether matches exist." The examiners disagreed. The Examiners referred to the sections of Wical referenced in the Office Action at issue.

Referring to Claim 14, Applicant argued that Wical fails to disclose at least the first two "comparing" provisions. The Examiners agreed that Wical does not disclose at least the first "comparing" provision of the claim.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

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